

Administrators disgruntled over education changes

Jasinski, Dunham meet with higher education leaders to discuss curriculum changes

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Standardized changes placed on Northwest by the Missouri Department of Elementary and Secondary Education have the school vying for more time to set students up for success.

Northwest must submit its scores for a new assessment that will determine the future of education students, who may not be prepared. DESE's deadline of Nov. 26 has administrators fearing these scores will not accurately represent students since the curriculum is not yet in place.

This past year, due to pressures from the federal level, Missouri licensure tests are being reviewed and changed. The new test, the Missouri General Education Assessment, or MOGEA, will require the University to change the curriculum for students hoping to go into the education field. Standards for the test were not sent out until September, and universities are expected to return scores by the Nov. 26 deadline.

Higher education leaders are afraid DESE has not allowed institutions enough time to adjust their curriculum. One change is the new assessments now covering five areas of science, while Northwest only requires students to take two. This may not bode well for students who have not covered the work within the new assessment.

On Nov. 18, Northwest President John Jasinski and Provost Doug Dunham traveled to Jefferson City to meet with higher education leaders and the DESE about extending the time allowed to get the needed curriculum in place.

"Nobody is against improving teacher preparation programs," Dunham said. "That message is perfectly clear: we are not resisting change, we are embracing change."

These updates are coming as national attention is being put on teacher preparation as data shows testing scores in the United States are falling behind the rest of the world.

Dunham suggests these changes could result in some teacher preparation programs being shut down by the state which in turn could shut



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Northwest senior and education major Caitlin Wenrich asks her students a question while student teaching at Horace Mann Elementary School. Education students across the state will soon see major changes, which range from entrance and exit exams to the kinds and amount of classes they will be expected to take.

down K-12 schools because of a lack of staffing. The state departments believe these exams will weave out the bad teachers, a belief Dunham doesn't share.

"The purpose of a teacher preparation program is to try to elevate those who might not have the highest ACT score but to bring them up through the whole four years," Dunham said. "By the time that they're ready to go out into the field, we have worked with them to bring them up to the standards we want."

Typically, when assessments are written for a teacher preparation program, the first step is

to develop standards for what students should know.

A framework for the curriculum is then developed, and the curriculum for the information in the assessment is put together so all information is covered prior to the test.

This is where the MOGEA test, the replacement for the College Basic Academic Subjects Examination, as well as the new content analysis exit exam replacing the PRAXIS test is troublesome to the University.

To enter a preparation program, students have to reach a cut score based upon perfor-

mance across the state, which may be unfair to students at a disadvantage. The same circumstance is on the brink of happening with the exit exam, which will not be finalized until March.

"We ask to let each institution set their own scores while we align our curriculum," Dunham said. "They did it the wrong way... they wrote the test, then told us to write the curriculum. We think that's fundamentally unfair to students because we haven't had the chance to align."

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Northwest honors dean leaving for Provost role

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Northwest honored Charles McAdams, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, Wednesday for his nine years of service to the University.

McAdams, who accepted the provost role at Delta State University in Cleveland, Miss., has held this position since 2004. He is set to begin serving his term Dec. 1.

"I have enjoyed my time at Northwest very much, and I believe we accomplished many things that have brought increased opportunities for both students and faculty," McAdams said in a Sept. 9 press release.

At Northwest, McAdams has been part of developing the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship as well as developing programs such as nanoscale science, geographic information systems and the bachelor of science in nursing, among many others.

Northwest is expected to invite prospective dean candidates on campus the first week in December to replace McAdams.



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Charles McAdams, dean of the College of Arts and Sciences, spent time Wednesday with faculty, staff and administrators during his going away party. McAdams will be the Delta State University Provost in Cleveland, Miss. starting Dec. 1.

Former professor comes to agreement on next court date

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Matt Rouch, former Northwest communications professor, found himself back in the Nodaway County Courtroom this Tuesday morning.

Rouch, 57, was present along with his attorney before Nodaway County Prosecuting Attorney Bob Rice and Associate Circuit Judge Glen Dietrich Nov. 19 for a continued preliminary hearing for felony drug charges. Rouch and his attorney Robert Sundell asked to appear in court for a preliminary hearing, which was accepted, Jan. 14 at 1:30 p.m.

Rouch was detained by University Police and later arrested and held in Nodaway County Jail for a controversial Facebook post unrelated to the



Matt Rouch

drug charges.

During his 24-hour investigative hold, a search warrant was served at Rouch's home where several marijuana plants were found growing. Rouch was released on a \$25,000 bond Sept. 6.

Northwest released two statements following the events, one which stated "The University has strict policies against, and will not tolerate, threats or incidents of violence. Northwest will take all appropriate actions that are commensurate with the evidence."

Rouch appeared in court Oct. 8 for an arraignment.

Rouch was charged Sept. 6 with felony production of a controlled substance and one count of possession of a controlled substance with intent to distribute.

Schools transitioning to Common Core standards

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New primary education standards seeking to increase math, writing and English skills and understanding, spark a discussion about America's public education system.

The standards, known as the Common Core, highlight a shift from the policies of No Child Left Behind, George W. Bush's reauthorization of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965. Many policy makers and educators believe No Child Left Behind was a failure. In fact, in 2012, the US Department of Education granted Missouri a waiver from NCLB.

Maryville educators are now in a transitional period. The desire to provide an excellent education combined with the pressure to meet federal expectations creates an atmosphere of reflection, caution and optimism.

"I really think No Child Left Behind had good intentions until it reached the point when it was unrealistic," said Kevin Pitts, Maryville Middle School principal. "What it did do, though, was made us self-examine our school districts and our buildings."

The federal government cannot directly influence school curriculum. The ESEA forbade the federal government from instituting a national curriculum. However, standardized testing makes it possible for the federal

government to affect policy indirectly via funding.

No Child Left Behind created a competitive, business-like atmosphere in the education system, which in turn fostered corruption, by allowing states to create their own standards, and then determined the proficiency of students based on those standards. Schools faced with the possibility of losing federal funding reportedly used unethical and dishonest methods to ensure their students' scores met conflicting expectations.

The National Center for Fair and Open Testing showed that, following the enactment of NCLB, reports of cheating surfaced in Florida, New York, Massachusetts, Arizona, Tennessee, Pennsylvania, Illinois and elsewhere.

"How to prevent corruption, I don't know, especially when you have competition and accountability tied together, but unfortunately, that's society we live in," said Jason Eggers, Maryville High School principal. "The Common Core brings immunity to the problem of states competing with different standards. It compares apples to apples."

In the past, teachers exposed students to a wide range of material but with little depth. The Common Core seeks to change the paradigm from "a mile wide and an inch deep" to "an inch wide and a mile deep."

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Northwest’s regents approve construction on University Police facility

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In a special meeting, the Board of Regents approved plans to construct a new \$1.6 million facility for the University Police Department and Purchasing Department.

The Board of Regents approved Monday afternoon the execution of a construction project that will house the UPD and Purchasing Department. Their current facility on West Ninth Street was meant to be temporary housing, but the building, built in 1979, has housed UPD for more than 20 years.

“We’ve been looking at a different facility for probably 10-12 years,” said Clarence Green, chief of University Police. “It’s always been something that has been discussed but never really moved forward. With some new requirements of university police across the country and across the state, I believe it really pushed it to the forefront.”

According to a press release Nov. 18, the new facility, which will be constructed adjacent to the Materials Distribution Center, will provide UPD with a central location to campus that will shorten response times and improve operational efficiencies.

The new building will house the purchasing department. Unlike the current facility, the building will house more offices, interrogation rooms, locker rooms, evidence rooms, a garage and a fingerprint station.

Green says UPD doesn’t have separate locker rooms for male and female staff members, and the facility is not fit for their expected accommodations.

“If you look around our structure... we don’t have places to do a simple interview,” Green said. “That hurts a little bit our service to our population on keeping some things

confidential.”

The new facility will focus on expanding the force’s weapon storage, which can only house 25 weapons.

“We are going to make (weapon storage) more accessible and more up-front,” Green said. “Currently we store about 25 weapons, but we have the demand to store about 50. We really need that extra space so we can service those students.”

Another feature Green is excited about is the possibility of hosting classes in the new facility. The UPD was issued a simulator by the Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms and Explosives (ATF) that he hopes to put to use.

“(The simulator) could put folks into the mindset of a police officer or a citizen during an armed incident,” Green said. “I teach a course called police in society, and it would be neat to have students get in that simulator and learn what that police officer is looking at when they’re responding to a call.”

The funding for the project became available when a \$13 million bond that was issued for streets and parking lots was retired this year. Most of the funds will come from the collection of parking permit fees on campus. University Police collects between \$500,000 and \$600,000 in permit sales per year.

The project is planned to be paid off over a three-year period.

Northwest will award the building contract to E.L. Crawford Construction Inc. out of St. Joseph. The company was the lowest of seven bidders for the project. Construction is expected to cost \$1.6 million and be finished by June 2014. Construction and concrete work could begin within 30 days.

“Our team is very ecstatic and excited about using the facility to better serve our community,” Green said.

Small business center hosting Global Entrepreneurship Week

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The Northwest Missouri region of the Small Business and Technology Development Center (SBTDC) is holding events all week in accordance with Global Entrepreneurship Week.

Today’s event is an informational session about the Affordable Care Act and will be held at 1 p.m. in the Center for Innovation and Entrepreneurship. Representatives from the Small Business Association hope to educate area business owners about the basics of the Affordable Care Act, specifically how they can enroll in small business health insurance marketplaces. Other areas of discussion include various tax credits that small businesses can take advantage of and responsibility provisions.

“On average, small businesses pay 18 percent more than big businesses for health insurance, so this session will try to show small businesses how they can lower costs,” said Larry Lee, director of the Center for Entrepreneurship and Innovation.

However, with recent changes to

the law by President Barack Obama that allow some to keep substandard insurance plans and the general uncertainty regarding the new marketplace, many small business owners are becoming wary of any major changes to their insurance plans.

“I’ve talked to a couple businesses, and they said they’re just going to wait this thing out,” Lee said. “So even though this event is for Global Entrepreneur Week, we’re going to keep our information updated, and if we have to hold another informational meeting like this, we will.”

Previous events this week were held at the St. Joseph office of the SBTDC and included a networking breakfast and an informational workshop that taught attendees how to create a one-page business plan. Tomorrow a local entrepreneur will host a radio show on KFEQ in St. Joseph detailing his experiences and lessons he has learned since starting a business.

This is first year Northwest has hosted Global Entrepreneurship Week events, which are free to the public.



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The Northwest Student Activities Council brought Nev Schulman, producer of the hit MTV show “Catfish: The TV Show,” to the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts Nov. 19.

‘Catfish’ creator talks experiences with students

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MTV’s hit series “Catfish: The TV Show” has changed the lives of many, as well as changed the culture of online dating. The shows’ creator, Nev Schulman, shared his experiences and advice with Northwest students Tuesday night.

Northwest’s Student Activities Council brought Schulman to the Ron Houston Center for the Performing Arts Tuesday, Nov. 19 as part of SAC Speaks lecture series.

During his lecture, Schulman talked about being true to yourself and to others, and that being truthful and kind goes a long way in life. He wanted students to understand success is not as easy of a journey as they believe, but that it takes failure to become successful.

“If you work really hard and are kind, amazing things will happen” Schulman said.

Schulman wants to be able to hear what students and people felt about his show since he doesn’t usually get that one-on-one time while filming his show.

“I’m interested in communicating more intimately with people who watch the show,” Schulman said. “I meet people who like the show, and they have so much to say to me. I want to know what they like, what they don’t like.”

Schulman’s main point from the presentation was to make sure students did not make the same mistake he made 10 years after college. He wants to give students a boost in the right direction.

“Over the last 10 years, I made a lot of mistakes and hurt a lot of people, and I’ve learned a lot,” Schulman said. “Hopefully, students will be inspired sooner than I was to do certain things and invest their energy into something that they would have never thought of.”

With the growth of Facebook and Twitter, Schulman says he believes “catfishing,” when someone pretends

to be somebody they are not online, has become more popular.

“As we continue to use social networks more and more, there will be an infinite number of ways people now have access to explore their creativity in the way to communicate with each other and the pitfalls and issues will continue to create this “catfish” phenomenon,” Schulman said.

Students thought the presentation was very funny and inspiring, and they learned a lot about who Schulman really is.

“I watch his TV show and I like it a lot,” freshman Paige Orwig said. “I learned not to lie about your life and always be careful who you have a relationship with, especially online, because they could be lying to you.”

Freshman Chelsea Hill says she went for the chance to meet Schulman and believes she got the same message from listening to Schulman’s stories and advice.

“I love the show “Catfish,” and Nev is really hot,” Hill said. “I learned to be honest with yourself, and it was really fun and entertaining.”

According to Schulman, he got the name “catfish” from a fisherman who carried cod from Alaska to the states. The fisherman said the cod would always die during the trip back to the states. He was told that the fisherman would put catfish in the tanks to constantly nip at the cod to keep them alive. The fisherman said to Schulman “thank God for the catfish; without them, the life of the cod would be so boring and dull without catfish constantly nipping at their tail.” And out came Schulman with the term “catfish.”

Schulman’s journey began in 2007, when he was “catfished” himself while filming the documentary, “Catfish,” which explored an online relationship he was having. Schulman now produces the TV show on MTV in hopes of helping others on their own journeys.

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Saturday, November 23	
Bearcats After Dark: Coffee House Music & Comedy with Brian O’Sullivan 9 p.m. The Station	Phi Delta Theta Presents: Cakes & Crabs 9 p.m. at the Phi Delta Theta house
Sunday, November 24	
Women’s Basketball at Pittsburg State 2 p.m. at Pittsburg, KS	Catholic Mass 7 p.m. at the Station
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Raising minimum wage not answer for Missouri

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Employees within the state of Missouri will see a rise in wages as the annual adjustment of the state's minimum wage was raised.

The Missouri Department of Labor and Industrial Relations has set next year's minimum wage at \$7.50 an hour, a 15 cent raise from the current wage of \$7.35.

In 2006, Missouri voters approved a ballot that would require the state to annually adjust the minimum wage based on changes in the Consumer Price Index. The CPI is a measure of the average change in prices for consumer goods and services. Northwest economics professor Ben Collier believes that though this is appropriate for a country with a minimum wage law, it may not be entirely beneficial.

"The law demand says that if you raise the price, buyers want less," Collier said. "They are either going to hire fewer workers or each worker will work fewer hours. What the minimum wage law does is just focuses on the money compensation part."

The Missouri group Jobs with Justice supported the ballot in 2006 and says it is good for the economy but still is not enough for some families. The Missouri Chamber of Commerce is even saying that this could make it harder for some businesses to employ people. The change will raise Missouri's minimum wage 25 cents higher than the federal average.

"What is not seen is all the secondary effects: who's gonna lose their job, who's gonna receive less training, who's gonna lose fringe benefits," Collier said. "When you take those things into consideration, you'll see it's not as simple as politicians want you to believe... it's certainly not a way of attacking poverty, which is what a lot of supporters of minimum wage will talk about."

Changes could be coming in places other than Missouri, however. President Barack Obama made an announcement Nov. 8 that he would support a plan that would raise the federal average from \$7.25 an hour to \$10.10 an hour. In his State of the

Union address in January, he backed a similar initiative that was a dollar lower. As of press time, the town of Seatac, Wash., which is trying to up its minimum wage to a national-record \$15 an hour, was at a 46-vote lead in favor of increasing the wage, according to the Seattle Times.

Democrats within the Senate are pushing for this raise in the minimum wage in time for 2014 elections. According to US News, Missouri is a battleground state, as well as Alaska, where this issue will be a deciding factor if Democrats are to take seats away from Republicans. This is due to the fact that a March Gallup poll found that 71 percent of voters said they would support increasing the federal minimum wage to \$9 an hour.

"(Studies have shown that) when the minimum wage increases, there is less training," Collier said. "What that does is it shows up later in their earnings path... they don't get that higher wage later on. A profit maximizing firm is not gonna hire a worker at \$10 an hour if they're only worth \$7."

However, this is an issue that some experts say is the reason the United States is behind Western European countries in unemployment rates.

Scott Sumner, an economist teaching at Bentley University and the creator of the blog TheMoneyIllusion, did a study that solidified this.

"(In Western Europe) there are nine countries with a minimum wage," Sumner said. "Their unemployment rates range from 5.9 percent to 27.6 percent. There are nine countries with no minimum wage. Five of the nine have a lower unemployment rate than the best of the group."

Sumner also discusses how Europe's biggest country, Germany, has no minimum wage and has an unemployment rate of 5.2 percent. Its unemployment rates used to be much higher until labor reforms occurred that allowed for more lower-wage jobs and subsidies.

While these issues are discussed in the future, Missouri employees will continue to stand on a higher pile of cash than some thanks to its state voters.



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Northwest senior Megan Kramer, bartender at Murphy's Bar and Grill, and Brett White, owner, have contributed to the quiet atmosphere that the restaurant maintains. White opened the bar in 1996 after his band broke up and he was in need of money.

Murphy's Bar and Grill holds 17 years of well-kept secrets

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Seventeen years ago, Murphy's Bar and Grill tucked itself into North Depot Street. It's located away from the other restaurants and bars in Maryville, but the location fits the relaxed and quite establishment.

The inside of the bar is dark and calm, which is far from the loud atmosphere of most college-town bars. The menu is riddled with inside jokes, and it boasts burgers voted the best in town "by a couple of guys who eat here all the time."

"It's kind of a relaxing place to go, kind of out of the way," said Brett White, owner of Murphy's. "It's not real loud in here. It's a place you can go and get something to eat and get in and out quick."

White opened the doors to Murphy's in 1996 after his family moved its catering business to Maryville. He was looking for a new source of income after his band broke up.

White said he does somewhere around 80 percent of

the cooking himself and only employs about four people at a time.

The menu is constantly changing to fit customers' advice. White said Murphy's is most known for its burgers and nachos.

White uses never-frozen beef and a machine that turns a ball of ground beef into a burger in about 40 seconds to make Murphy's signature burgers.

Megan Kramer is a bartender at Murphy's and a senior at Northwest. She said Murphy's low-key atmosphere is one of its best attributes.

"Murphy's has great food and a comfortable atmosphere," Kramer said. "It's not as loud or congested or crowded as other bars. It's definitely just a great place to relax and catch some games."

The store opens for lunch from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Monday through Thursday and reopens at 4 p.m. until approximately 9:30 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays it is open from 11 a.m. until 9:30 p.m.



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A Maryville High School substitute helps a student as she steps in for a teacher as needed at many area schools.

Weather leaves schools in need of substitutes

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Area teachers rely on relief from substitute teachers if they need a sick day, but schools across Nodaway County are seeing a shortage in the amount of substitutes readily available as cold weather rolls in.

Retired teachers often sub for sick teachers, and area schools often have a few dependable substitutes. Opportunities for college students to be substitutes are also available.

College students who have completed 60 credit hours are eligible to apply with the Missouri Department of Secondary and Elementary Education at dese.mo.gov. Students with easier semester workloads can look into the opportunity to make some extra money.

Nodaway schools have applications for substitute teachers readily available in the hopes of snagging a few of these potential subs.

"Being difficult to find quality subs is not a new problem," said Karma Coleman, superintendent of Nodaway-Holt R-VII.

When a qualified applicant is deemed eligible by the state to become a substitute teacher, the applicant can start applying to different school districts. Sometimes there is an extra step of approval from a school board.

If a student were to substitute for a school district such as Nodaway-Holt, they have to weigh

their availability with their class schedule, and whether or not the \$70 per day will pay off the trip. Nodaway Holt includes the towns of Graham, Maitland, and Skidmore.

"It's quite a ways to drive, so if you sub for the day and you have other classes, those are days you can't come because you can't make it to you classes," Coleman said.

Professionals say substitute teaching is a great chance for students with an interest in a career path involving children and education to get real-world experience.

"Any student interested in teaching or working with kids should look into it if their schedule allows it," said Kenneth Hamilton, third grade teacher in the Savannah School District.

Hamilton knows the importance of a good substitute teacher. Everyday teachers prefer substitutes over others because some subs work well with the lesson plans written by the teacher.

The Savannah School District has three regular substitutes, who are retired Savannah School District teachers. Nodaway-Holt School District has about five regular substitutes, and they are mostly retired teachers.

"A good substitute teacher is just priceless," Hamilton said. "Because every classroom is unique, every teacher has certain unique teaching styles, and the students themselves are unique, you have to find the substitute that fits with your class and fits with your teaching style."

Nodaway schools looking for substitute applicants:

West Nodaway R-I:
Contact the superintendent's office at 660-725-2613.

Northeast Nodaway R-V:
Contact the elementary school at 660-968-2125 or the high school at 660-937-3115.

Nodaway-Holt R-VII:
Call the superintendent's office at 660-939-2137.

North Nodaway R-VI:
Apply on their web site, nnr6.org.

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Call the elementary school at 660-652-3718 or the high school at 660-652-3727.

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OUR VIEW:

Remember, Thanksgiving is about more than just food and football

It's hard to believe that we have only a few short weeks before yet another semester wraps up here at Northwest. With Thanksgiving break upon us, most students are becoming increasingly eager for a few days off before a grueling stretch toward finals week. In fact, many students I've run into this week have mentally checked out of most of their classes.

For many, it's impossible to pay attention in biology class when football and food are all that's on their minds. However, before you pack your bags for home, consider your circumstances. It's been a long, stressful semester and who better to fall back on then that support system you've counted on all those years before arriving on campus. The family is the rock that keeps you grounded and at the same time, keeps you striving for something better. Students should appreciate everything

Thanksgiving has to offer, even if means having to endure your drunk uncle asking what college you go to six times. When another year goes by and they don't see you, they'll appreciate the brief company you provided.

Growing up, we were constantly told why we should celebrate Thanksgiving. However, to most children, all it meant was a drive to Grandma's house and a slightly bigger slab of ham than usual. In grade school, it was the friendly and historically controversial tale of the Indians and the Pilgrims' first Thanksgiving at Plymouth Rock. Of course, the more we learned about the bloody conquest of Native Americans during that period, the theme of gratitude and togetherness became harder to get behind. Even in high school, when we had a general idea of its purpose, Thanksgiving was really only a chore to most. We only

elected to sit through family conversation if it meant consuming copious amounts of turkey and gravy-drenched mashed potatoes. While this may be true in our youth, the true meaning of Thanksgiving often becomes clearer after a semester away from home.

Teenage angst often compels you to take the stability your family provides you for granted. However, after spending your first few months largely responsible for your own destiny, you find out what you're really made of that first semester of college. No one is yelling at you to wake up for class, no is reminding you to head to the DMV to renew your license and most importantly, no one cares how you spend your free time. For those first few months, it often feels as if your family doesn't exist anymore. You are free to do what you want in this brief window into adulthood. If you come

home for Thanksgiving break with your grades and dignity intact, you can thank your family for instilling the values and principles that allowed for a smooth transition into college. For those who stumble a bit this semester, returning to your family can snap you back to reality and at the very least, give you that extra push to finish out the semester strong.

So Thanksgiving is not even remotely about food, football or Pilgrims. As cliché as it sounds, it's about appreciation for family. Whether it's trading political jabs with your crazy aunt or cooking food with your dad, the Thanksgiving dinner has become a staple in our country. So this year, don't be afraid to listen to your grandmother's tales of growing up during The Great Depression for a few minutes longer.

CAMPUS TALK

What are you doing over Thanksgiving break?



"I'm going back to Omaha to visit friends and family, hopefully overeating."

Jared Moore

Business Management



"I'm staying here because my family is far away. Unfortunately, back in Spain."

Lluis Altimires

Marketing



"My birthday is on Thanksgiving, so I'll be going to my grandma's and celebrating both."

Selena Kendall

IDM



"I'm excited to have two Thanksgiving dinners with both of my grandmothers."

Tiffany Williams

Business/Psychology



"I'll be going back to St. Louis to see my family. I haven't seen them since last Christmas break."

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Suddenlink Communications is one of only two Internet service providers that control the Maryville area Internet market.

Google Fiber is how internet should be



When tech supergiant Google unveiled its "Fiber" broadband Internet service to only a lucky few cities across the United States, most Americans could not help but feel a little jealous. Here in Maryville, it's even worse. While those in nearby Kansas City have access to blistering-fast Internet connection speeds, us Maryville folk are chugging along at almost one-hundredth the speed of your average Google Fiber customer. For example, while I painstakingly wait two hours to download a Black Keys album, those an hour south have probably already downloaded and listened to their entire discography. You would think that a commodity like the Internet in our capitalist society would benefit from competition, driving costs down and quality up. However, as of now we are forced to pay exorbitant prices and deal with countless outages, only to receive a subpar service. In today's day and age, reliable Internet service is no longer a luxury, it's essential. Therefore, it's imperative that all of the enraged CenturyLink, Suddenlink and Comcast customers band together to pressure our representatives to eliminate the control a select few providers have over the Internet service market in America.

For those of you who may not be aware, Google is offering Internet service to residents of Kansas City, Austin, Texas and Provo, Utah at one gigabyte a second for just \$70 a month. To those who aren't tech-savvy, here's a comparison. I pay around \$50 a month for a measly 10 megabits a second with CenturyLink. There are 1024 megabits in 1 gigabit. This means that for just \$20 more, I could get Internet that is over 100 times faster. Even if you wanted anything faster in Maryville, you wouldn't be able to. The only two Internet service providers in town, Suddenlink and CenturyLink, only offer up to 10 megabits a second. Additionally, the unfortunate customers of those ISP's rarely get the speeds they are paying for. Go ahead, go online and do speed test of your connection. Consider your-

self lucky if you're getting over seven megabits a second.

The reason Internet speeds in America are so slow and yet so pricey is because ISPs often have an oligopoly in their service area. Meaning that the Internet service market in select areas are largely controlled by only a few mass communication conglomerates, such as Comcast or Suddenlink. With this level of market control, these companies have no legitimate competition that drives prices down. They also have no reason to improve the quality of their product because people will always need Internet service and often have nowhere else to go. Consequently, in many other countries, Internet is a public utility, not a commodity. For example, in New York City a connection speed that costs \$200 a month is provided to the citizens of Seoul, South Korea for just \$30 a month. A recent report had the United States ranked below Latvia and the Czech Republic in Internet connection speeds. These numbers are even more disconcerting when you consider that Americans are often credited with inventing the Internet as we know it.

This abysmal service is not going without complaints from American consumers. According to a recent report by the American Customer Satisfaction Index, Internet service providers received the lowest customer satisfaction ranking of any industry in America. That includes the hated cable television and airline industries. It seems the Internet service market is one of the few that allows companies providing terrible prices and lackluster service to thrive and prosper. Conglomerates like Comcast have even stated that they have the ability to provide three gigabytes per second, but will only offer 320 megabits a second at \$320 a month for their fastest service. If that's not a giant middle finger to its customer base, I don't know what is.

The emergence of services like Google Fiber is promising to American Internet users. It gives way for much needed competition in the ISP market. However, until they can offer vital Internet service to the entire country, it seems like some government regulation is needed to break up these communication monopolies across America. I think we're all tired of paying cable and Internet providers to slap us around every month.



For years the United States government has looked into the mirror, smiled and thought, "I'm so good looking and awesome that I want to help out other nations today."

Our government believes the most important way to help our overseas allies is through military action. There are United States organizations that help through humanitarian efforts, but the government itself mainly focuses first on military aid to a foreign friend. The United States should reduce foreign military spending dramatically and focus that money on domestic causes.

It is common sense that our country is heavily involved in other nations, militarily speaking, because it is talked about on the news every day. Huffington Post published a Reuters article online Sunday about the United States planning to train Libyans for counterterrorism missions. While I agree that having training to help those help themselves is a great idea, I disagree with any notion that our military will completely withdraw itself from Libya anytime soon because of this plan.

The Reuters article said that Admiral William McRaven, who is in charge of the U.S. Special Operations Command, did not specify details about the training plan; however, it is sure to cost taxpayers a lot more than pocket change. On Aug. 22, 2011, ABC News ran an article about the intervention in Libya and how it cost American taxpayers an estimated \$896 million through July 31, 2011, according to the Pentagon. Our intervening with Libya started in March 2011 and cost the nation that much in only the first five months.

Since that time, military costs from Libya and other foreign countries where our military is stationed has cost us financially and with lives

Greek system provides more value than students realize



Reaching your senior year here at this picturesque University is the textbook definition of bittersweet, and I know I'm not alone in that sentiment. One of my best experiences has been entering and participating in the Greek system. I know many might see me as writing this as some 'canned literature' or a 'pre-planned spiel', but it simply is not. I can honestly say that without my fraternity, and without the friendships I've built with the vast number of other Greeks here, I would not be the man I am today.

While each fraternity or sorority is indeed different, we're all similar in the pillars in which we were all founded upon. Here's a short list of words that I'm sure many of us can relate to and represent through our codes, oaths, creeds, rituals, etc.: friendship, character, justice, education, brotherhood/sisterhood, diligence, diversity, success, and community service. The list could go one for pages, but I'll keep it short.

I've dedicated my time here to breaking the mold of an 'elitist, egotistical Greek' that many incoming students come to college with, either founded upon Hollywood, media, or predispositions of their parents from when they were in college. This is why recruitment is my favorite part of

the Greek system, but don't mistake what I mean by recruitment. As the Interfraternity Council president, my interest is bringing prospective freshmen men into the Greek system as a whole – not my specific organization. At SOAR, Green & White Days, etc., I'm constantly asked the same questions about partying, hazing and low grades by parents and students alike. I welcome questions such as these because I get to tell them about all the great things our Greek System stands for and accomplishes. For instance, our system donated over \$80,000 to charities last year. Together we volunteered thousands of hours to the community and charities alike. We accomplished cumulative GPA's higher than the 'all men' and 'all women' averages. Or how about the fact that over 90 percent of freshmen who went through recruitment stayed at Northwest, versus only a little above 70 percent who didn't go through recruitment. The statistics are bountiful and all go to show Greeks aren't about partying and nothing else – we're future leaders bound together in order to build each other up, promote success and give back to the communities in which we live.

So here's to you, members of the IFC fraternities, NPC sororities, and NPHC fraternities and sororities – keep doing what you're doing. Not everyone may realize the good we do, but that's not why we do it. We give back because that's what being Greek is about – and Northwest Greeks are part of one of the best systems in the state! Once a Bearcat, always a Bearcat!

"While each fraternity or sorority is indeed different, we're all similar in the pillars in which we were all founded upon."

EDUCATION

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Institutions have asked that the DESE holds off on using statewide cut scores until fall of 2015 for the MOGEA test. Administrators have also asked they wait until fall of 2016 to score statewide on the exit exams. Instead, they hope to use institution-based scores to find the students who are not meeting the bar.

At Northwest, only 30 students have taken the assessment, and administrators say that would not provide accurate data. Of the 3,000 to 4,000 students who take the test annually, only 289 are completed.

“That is really bad practice,” Dunham said. “How do you set cut scores on such a small, nonrepresentative population?”

Joyce Piveral, dean of the College of Education and Human Services and director of Teacher Education, believes that if the department is not given more time, the students will simply not be prepared.

“We have not started that process yet,” Piveral said. “We are asking students to take those assessments, but we have not had the curriculum in place to cover the areas that would be covered in those assessments.

“The good educational foundation is to put the curriculum in place before you assess people on that curriculum.”

Included in the meeting in Jefferson City were leaders from public four-year institutions (Council on Public Higher Education), the Missouri Community College Association, private institutions (Independent Colleges and Universities of Missouri), and the Missouri Association of Colleges of Teacher Education, as well as Chris Nicastro, DESE commissioner, and David Russell, department of higher education commissioner.

Jasinski insists that all these institutional leaders believe students are not being treated fairly by the DESE and made that clear to the commissioners.

“Leaders from all sectors of higher education stand united in focusing on fairness and equality for our students,” Jasinski said. “Further, we have concerns regarding the validity and accuracy of the proposed assessments. We are seeking meaningful dialogue, compromise and collaboration.”

Additionally, a higher grade point average will be required for education majors in their content area, as well as more classroom hours and other miscellaneous requirements.

Where another issue joins this is the DESE is proposing a compendium, which could add on to the amount of credits an education major must take. The DESE is looking to add between six and 10 credits in order for a student to graduate from a teaching preparation program.

“We have significant concerns about how the DESE is treating both students who are currently enrolled in teacher preparation programs and will be applying to a teacher preparation program,” Jasinski said. “They are changing the rules for these students by focusing on adopting high stakes assessments before curriculum are aligned and implemented.”

This problem shows apparent miscommunication between the departments of Higher Education, which controls the happenings inside a college, and the DESE, which is trying to control what kind of teachers will receive certificates to teach in K-12 schools.

“This is extremely troubling to us because they keep adding,” Dunham said. “It’s already difficult for teacher education students to get out in four years and if they keep adding this, there’s no way a student can get out in four years.”

In the meeting, Nicastro’s plea was that the teacher education program is a five-year program anyway.

“Our response was that this is news to us,” Dunham said.

While institutions wait for Nicastro to give a written response if the deadline will be pushed back, the stress and animosity will continue for leaders at institutions.

“They’re doing things backwards,” Dunham said. “It makes no sense to me. It is bad practice... I’m not sure that they understand what they’ve done to us.”

NORTHWEST FOOTBALL CAPTURES MIAA TITLE



BRIA CREEDEN | NW MISSOURIAN

With their 51-21 win over Missouri Western Saturday, Nov. 16, the Bearcats captured the team’s first outright MIAA title since 2010.

STANDARDS

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Educators will teach students not only how to solve problems and critically analyze information, but also to explain how they arrive at conclusions and defend their interpretations. It is a bold step in the wake of a failed policy. Teachers’ feelings about the standards mix optimism and reservation.

“The theory behind it is great, to know that states are going to be using the same measures and same objectives for students, and I would totally support that 100 percent, but it’s such a big undertaking right now that I think there’s going to be some growing pains,” said Brian Lynn, Eugene Fields elementary principal. “Overall, I think it’ll be a good thing for our students. I think the idea of going more into depth and being able to analyze things more, and not just being worried about that shallow, surface-level learning, but really deep knowledge and deep learning, it’s going to cause our students

to be problem-solvers.”

Pitts, who supports the Common Core, sees the federal government as somewhat of an obstacle in the educational process.

“[The federal government doesn’t] always fund things to the level that they promise. The hard thing to swallow sometimes is the fact that the federal government or the state government gets to make all the rules we have to follow. If you take one of their dollars, you follow all of their rules, and that sometimes can get kind of cloudy and difficult to swallow,” Pitts said. Although mandates from the top are commonplace, Pitts believes that if the federal government wants to play a role in the education process, they should merely fund the states.

Another important element of the discussion is the lack of public awareness, and the public’s views on standardized testing. A poll conducted by Phi Delta Kappa International and Gallup Poll showed that 62 percent of respondents had never even heard of Common Core. Among parents with children in public primary and secondary schools, just 45 per-

cent of parents had heard of it. Also, another 36 percent believe standardized testing was hurting school performance and 58 percent oppose using standardized tests altogether.

Despite the failures of NCLB and the Global Financial Crisis, federal funding for education continues to flow as the new standards slowly make their way into classrooms.

President Obama initiated a competition in the American Recovery and Reinvestment Act of 2009 called Race to the Top, or R2T, which sought to pit states against one another in a push to drive performance up. The initiative allocated over \$4 billion to schools that present plans for comprehensive education reform. States that meet or exceed expectations will receive millions in federal funding while those who don’t or can’t, won’t.

In spite of the messy, often divisive politics and debates over the efficacy of standardized testing, educators remain positive.

“I just feel that we’re educating kids better than we ever have,” Pitts said.

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Blotter from the University Police Department

Nov. 12 Two summonses were issued for minor in possession at Millikan Hall.	Nov. 13 A summons was issued for disorderly conduct at Franken Hall.	A summons was issued for a fire alarm at Hudson Hall.	conduct at Phillips Hall.	possession at College Park Drive.
		A summons was issued for disorderly	Nov. 17 A summons was issued for minor in	A summons was issued for minor in possession at Lot 58.

Blotter from the Maryville Department of Public Safety

Aug. 30 An accident occurred with Ronald L. Bird, 63, Beatrice, Neb., at East South Hills Drive.	tation for failure to yield.	Nov. 13 There is an ongoing investigation of a robbery at the 1000 block of South Main Street.	There is an ongoing investigation of tampering with a motor vehicle at the 800 block of East First Street.	was charged with failure to register a motor vehicle and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 1300 block of South Main Street.
Oct. 23 An accident occurred with Marvin E. Porter, 62, at the 500 block of North Market Street.	An accident occurred between an unknown driver and Krysta M. McGinnis at an unknown location.	Jason L. Latham, 30, Parnell, Mo., was wanted on warrant for failure to appear at the 400 block of North Market Street.	Nov. 14 Michelle L. Gascoigne, 36, was charged with failure to register a motor vehicle, an equipment violation, failure to maintain financial responsibility and providing false information to a public service officer at the 300 block of South Saunders Street.	There is an ongoing investigation of harassment at the 200 block of East Lieber Street.
Nov. 8 An accident occurred between Catharine M. Ginther, 79, Stanberry, Mo., and Melvin K. Stoll, 71, at the intersection of East Third Street and North Davis Street. Ginther was issued a ci-	Brian W. Erstad, 20, Kansas City, Mo., was charged with minor in possession and improper display of license plates at the 400 block of North Walnut Street.	Jeremy G. King, 36, Diagonal, Iowa, was charged with driving without a valid driver’s license, displaying the plates of another and failure to maintain financial responsibility at the 400 block of North Country Club Road.	Nov. 15 Jennifer L. Widener, 44, Albany, Mo.,	Nov. 17 There is an ongoing investigation of property damage at the 1100 block of East Hasley Street.

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CROSSWORD

By Peter A Collins

Los Angeles Times Daily Crossword Puzzle

Edited by Rich Norris and Joyce Lewis

Across

1 Toast go-with

4 Its pH is more than 7

10 Queen's spouse

14 "___ live and breathe!"

15 Spoil, as a barbecue

16 Most eligible to be drafted

17 Conceded the point

19 Sean Connery, by birth

20 Connected the opposite shores of, as a river

21 Flammable gas

23 Caravan's watering hole

25 Feel remorse over

26 Like-minded groups

29 Yosemite grazer

31 Cattle marking

35 Geologist's collectible

36 Backbone

38 Fishing spot

39 Turnpike traveler

40 With 69-Across, Dr. Seuss classic

41 State where Interstates 35 and 80 cross

42 Prie-__: kneeler

43 Receives guests

44 Symbol before the sharps and flats

45 Dust-up

47 Way past tipsy

48 Dress bottom

49 Influential D.C. group

51 Medication for insomniacs

53 Military mess assignment, and this puzzle's title

56 Developmental stage

60 Sentence subject, as a rule

61 "Is that a guarantee?"

64 Oil cartel acronym

65 Repair shop courtesy

66 Wire thickness unit

67 Second-youngest March sister, in literature

68 __ Glue-All

69 See 40-Across

Down

1 They set up the 18-Down

2 Quickly, in memos

3 Flaky mineral

4 Sports venues

5 Puts on cargo

6 Tot's wading spot

7 12 months in Madrid

8 Close to the ground

9 Word before circle or peace

10 Deli sandwich freebies

11 Ancient Peruvian

12 Eye-catching sign

13 Airport boarding area

18 Decisive end to a boxing match

22 Bathroom fixture

24 Enters stealthily

26 Thin nails

27 Huey and Dewey's brother

28 Four pairs

30 Rustic paneling wood

32 Garlicky sauce

33 More modern

34 Preliminary version

36 Librarian's admonition

37 Nav. officer

46 Bit in a horse's mouth?

48 Recovers from a bender, with "up"

Answers from Nov. 21

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50 Washer phase

52 Yam, for one

53 Handle near a keyhole

54 Francis or John Paul II, e.g.

55 Song for two

57 Beef cut

58 Song for three

59 Shrill cry

62 Internet giant that owns MapQuest

63 '60s combat venue, briefly

HOROSCOPES

MetroCreative

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, you have a lot on your mind, but only one concern demands your undivided attention. Find a quiet space to think things through and trust your gut feelings.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, friendships may weaken if you don't keep up your end of the relationship. Make an effort to get together with your friends and take the initiative with planning.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Gemini, your approach to a problem is not working. It could be time to take an entirely new approach and see if this produces results. Be patient with this new approach.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Don't be surprised if a busy week finds you dog tired come the weekend, Cancer. Use the time off to recharge your batteries on this well-deserved break.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Few things can hold your interest this week, Leo. Although friends try, they can't seem to keep you focused on any one thing. Expect to jump from task to task this week.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, an unexpected consequence appears this week and you are caught completely off guard. Don't let others see your surprise. You must simply roll with the punches.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

Libra, a spark of ingenuity hits you out of the blue and you know just how to put that inspiration to good use. Set your plan in motion as soon as you are able.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Scorpio, after a few hectic weeks at home and at the office, now is the ideal time for a vacation. Cast

all responsibilities aside and enjoy some rest and relaxation.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Sagittarius, you may prefer to keep certain things to yourself no matter how strongly others insist you share. Don't succumb to pressure to share those things you prefer remain private.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Several new opportunities are coming your way, Capricorn. You just need to sort through all of them and figure out just what you want to do in the next few weeks.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

The new season has you feeling refreshed and ready for new beginnings, Aquarius. Make the most of this new lease on life and encourage others to join you.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Pisces, maintain your focus around the office, as you will have to juggle multiple tasks in the week ahead.

FAMOUS BIRTHDAYS

NOVEMBER 17

Rachel McAdams, Actress (35)

NOVEMBER 18

Chloe Sevigny, Actress (39)

NOVEMBER 19

Calvin Klein, Designer (71)

NOVEMBER 20

Josh Turner, Singer (36)

NOVEMBER 21

Troy Aikman, Sportscaster (47)

NOVEMBER 22

Jamie Lee Curtis, Actress (55)

NOVEMBER 23

Kelly Brook, Model (34)

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Answers to Oct. 17

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7	2	5	4	6	9	8	3	1
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6	3	9	8	5	2	1	7	4
5	1	2	7	9	4	3	8	6

Level: Intermediate

WORD SCRAMBLE

Rearrange the letters to spell something pertaining to holiday shopping.

R B C Y E

Answer: Cyber

Guess Who?

I am an American actress born on November 19, 1961 in Connecticut. I have been a leading lady in many romantic comedies, including two in which I starred opposite Tom Hanks.

Answer: Meg Ryan

SHOPPING WORD SEARCH

Find the words hidden vertically, horizontally & diagonally throughout the puzzle.

WORDS

AFFORDABLE

BROWSING

BUDGET

BUILDING

CASH

COMPARISON

CREDIT CARD

DEALS

DISCOUNT

GIFTS

LAYAWAY

MALL

MERCHANDISE

MONEY

PARKING LOT

PERCENTAGE

PRESENT

PROFIT

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Holiday WORSTS

HALEY VICKERS
Features Editor | @Hay_dayy

Most students can't wait to return home for the holidays. Everyone has high hopes for the upcoming holiday season and all of the fun, once-in-a-lifetime moments it holds. Students are on edge to finish their classes and say goodbye to Maryville for a few weeks, but... Sometimes the holiday season isn't all it's cracked up to be. From being forced to sit on Santa's lap to being so full from leftovers you wouldn't dream of getting off the couch, the holidays can be lonely and miserable here and there. Even though, we wish your holiday season is as magnificent as you expect, the Missourian has compiled a list of the worst things about the holidays.

Family TRAVELING



The holiday season is the perfect time to take a vacation. But when your sister forgets her toothbrush, and your little brother has to take 27 bathroom breaks on the way, vacations are more of a hassle than a treat.

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RANDOM BOYFRIEND/GIRLFRIEND

Seeing that awkward boyfriend or girlfriend of your 2nd cousin whom you barely know. "Who are you again?"

Decorating



Your family wants to deck out the whole inside and outside of your house, and of course, it's your job to help "spread holiday cheer." Don't forget the annual argument over who gets to put the star on top of the tree.

SWEETCLIPART.COM

The Gift You "NEED"

There is always that gift in the bottom of your stocking that you need but would never ask for in your life. "Thanks, Mom, I love how this deodorant smells..."



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Embarrassing STORY TIME

One of your family members always has to bring up that not-so hot-moment in your life and share it with everyone. They always start with "remember that one time..." and giggle like it's the funniest thing that ever happened.



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CRAZY RELATIVES



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The "Back in My Day" Relative

Everyone has that one relative who starts every conversation they have ever had with you with "Well, back in my day..." You are stuck listening to their lame stories until you plead a full bladder due to too much eggnog and make your escape.

The Reality Check Relative

The one relative that checks with you every year to make sure you are still single and still haven't graduated yet. They also share every detail of your life with everyone at the family dinner.

The Drunk Relative

That one drunk relative who ends up dancing in the middle of the kitchen and becoming the center of entertainment. They are always a good time until they start crying.

The Food Giver Relative

When your grandmother hates your mother's recipe for green bean casserole, she scoops it on to your plate because everyone knows you are the "human garbage disposal."

GETTING STUCK AT THE KIDS' TABLE

Even though your cousin is only a year older than you, he gets special treatment, while you are stuck with the children. Let's not forget the added bonus of babysitting them after you are finished eating.

The Perfect PARTY



CARDINALBRIDAL.COM

Everyone has high expectations for their New Year's evening, but somehow your reality party never lives up to the ideal party you created in your head. Always disappointing.

The Family FEUD

There are always those two relatives in your family who argue about the most random, obscure issue. One ends up crying and over exaggerating the truth. They both end up threatening not to attend any holiday events, but they do anyway because their parents make them.



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THE STROLLER:
Your Man thinks Northwest should scrap, lose all business majors

For those who haven't heard, the Melvin D. and Valerie G. Booth College of Business and Professional Studies has a big problem. No, it's not that its name is too long, although that's an issue. No, it's not that it's polluting our school's intellectual integrity by forcing us to put up with business majors. Although that is definitely an issue they should look at. The problem is that the Booth College has no dean.

The last permanent dean retired in the summer of 2011. Since then, the University has spent lots of time looking for a replacement with no luck. All the candidates are either unsuitable

or decide, "Northwest? Eh, better not."

Now, this is a bit strange. It's not as if the Booth College itself is running the search. No, these are intelligent people doing the hiring process. I mean, a position as a dean is a good gig, all things considered. So I've come up with some reasons as to why no one will take this job.

Option A) Look at the name of that college. Who would want to spend money on all the ink it would take to print "Mr./Mrs. So and So, Dean of the Melvin D. and Valerie G. Booth College of Business and Professional Studies" on a business card? That would be half his or her

salary gone. Also, the school has "business" in the name: automatic red-flag for any job-seeker who hopes of keeping their soul.

Option B) "You know, I have a degree and I'm qualified to become a dean at a university. You know where I'd like to accept a position? A little school that thinks it's a cutting edge electronic campus. In a tiny mid-western town with a Wal-Mart to provide exciting night-life." Said no one ever.

Option C) A good chunk of that college is made up of business students. Who wants to be in charge of business students? Half the people in the college are there because they either didn't have

a better plan or couldn't handle anything else. Why else, for the love of God, would you choose a subject as mind bogglingly mundane as business?

Option D) The University has just decided that we'll let a computer be our dean instead of a person, and it's just taking longer than expected to program it. This policy would follow our school's general policy of destroying the future of education via the Internet and a strange obsession with new gadgets for efficiency. A policy bequeathed to us by brilliant business folks.

Now hold on. There seems to be a common thread here. Has our society progressed to the

point where people applying as deans are intelligent individuals? Therefore, they wouldn't want to be associated with a business program. OK, Northwest, I have our solution. We should get rid of business majors. Really, we don't need them. The Melvin D. and Valerie G. Booth College of Business and Professional Studies is to be known as The College of Agriculture and Communication. That way, we get to keep the worthwhile stuff, and maybe, just maybe, we'll find ourselves a dean.

The Stroller has been a tradition since 1918 and does not reflect the views of The Northwest Missourian.

Daughtry's "Baptized" discovers upbeat side

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Daughtry's sensitive yet compelling lyrics have spoken to fans in a unique way since his appearance on "American Idol" season 5 in 2006. His new album, "Baptized," which released Tuesday, is sure to overwhelm, excite and allow fans to see a new side of Daughtry. This album is a clever combination of the classic Daughtry style, but with a sensitive, bright side.

His single, "Waiting for Superman," has an expressive, story-like essence to it. The music video flips back and forth between Daughtry singing and a young man acting as "Superman." Superman helps out several people throughout the video and is the modern-day hero walking down the city street. One of these events includes a man standing on the edge of a high building looking to jump to his death. The boy swoops in and saves the man before he jumps. The lyrics give a strong message that is sure to make people think about

their everyday lives.

With his booming voice, Daughtry sings, "She's talking to angels/ counting the stars/making a wish on a passing car/she's dancing with strangers/falling apart/ waiting for Superman to pick her up in his arms."

The lyrics are powerful and descriptive. They are easily relatable to the struggles people experience daily. It is very personal, inspirational.

It is not a typical song that we would expect from the strong vocalist. His songs are usually strong in meaning and touching to fans, but it's good to see that Daughtry has a playful side. This is a more fun side of Daughtry that audiences will enjoy.



Rating: 4/5
Artist: Daughtry
Album: Baptized
Label: RCA Records
Release Date: Nov. 19, 2013

No Shave November Week 3

The Missourian will track the growing progress of three bearded boys throughout the infamously hairy month.



"My girlfriend hates it. She says it itches. People say "Hey, you look grody...you need to shave, now!" The best part is seeing people's reactions. I am usually clean shaven. I usually don't go a week without shaving."

Nick Shepherd
21, Junior
Kansas City



"Not shaving and being lazy is the best part. Hair cuts scare me so I'm probably not going to get a haircut in November either."

Johnathan Rivera,
22, Senior
Lufkin, Texas



"Probably the not shaving is the best part; it allows me to be lazy. I have gotten a lot of positive feedback. Most of the time I get the 'I like your beard' comments."

Alex Peltz
20, Junior,
St. Louis

WHAT'S HOT

Oversized Scarves

Fall is the perfect season to dress an outfit up with an oversized, fluffy scarf. It will keep you warm from the chilly breeze on campus and show off your fabulous style.

"Catching Fire"

The second epic film in the "The Hunger Games" premieres tomorrow. "Catching Fire" is expected to have high box office ratings as Katniss and Peeta become victims of the 75th Hunger Games.

2013 Victoria's Secret Fashion Show

On Dec. 10, around 35 "angels" will show off the new 2013 fashions. Also, during the show there will be performances by Taylor Swift, Fall Out Boy and Neon Jungle.

WHAT'S NOT

"American Idol" Drama
Mariah Carey is claiming she hated being a part of "American Idol" last season. She brought up the emotional drama from the past and bashed on Nicki Minaj once more, comparing her to satan.

Zac Efron's broken jaw

Efron broke his jaw when he slipped and fell in front of his L.A. home last week. Stitches were needed because of a disturbing gash. We won't see his charming pearly whites anytime soon.

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time they have to go without spending time together.

Even without the daily support from Asia, Ariel's success between the lines continued as a Roadrunner, averaging a team-high 15.8 points per game to earn a spot as a NJCAA Second-Team All-American.

"I've had a lot of good (players) through my years," said State Fair head coach Kevin Bucher, who coached Ariel while she was a Roadrunner. "I would have to say as far as heart, desire and the personality of a player, she definitely embodied all of that ... Even when things aren't going well, you could always see a smile off of Ariel.

"She hated losing, like me. Whenever we had a loss, she took it personally."

During a year away from school and the court in 2012-13 due to an eligibility issue, Ariel lived in Atlanta where she coached AAU basketball as well as 3 and 4-year-olds at the YMCA. Georgia Perimeter College, which is where Asia transferred after one semester at Palm Beach State and a year in the army, was just a 15-minute drive down I-20 East.

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moved on from that and focusing on Maryville."

The Spoofhounds beat Oak Grove 42-20 last week in a physically demanding game that saw Maryville answer every Panther swing with a counterpunch.

After holding a 22-6 halftime lead, the Panthers scored twice in the third quarter, but senior offensive lineman Jackson Morrison and the Spoofhounds found pay dirt on both ensuing possessions to maintain

Ariel signed to play at Division I Stony Brook in New York, but some of her classes from State Fair and Palm Beach State didn't transfer - meaning she didn't have enough academic credits to become a SeaWolf - which forced her to the sidelines for her year in Atlanta.

"I felt that I was away from basketball; I didn't know if I could get it back," Ariel said. "But through (coaching), I had basketball. That was the only thing that motivated me to continue to push for it."

But again, the year off wasn't a vacation for Ariel. She continued developing her craft on the hardwood, working out and training herself before taking online summer courses a few months ago to regain eligibility.

Her path to become a Bearcat started with assistant coach Buck Scheel, who had the same role at State Fair during Ariel's tenure in Sedalia. When Scheel accepted the Northwest job in June under first-year head coach Michael Smith, Ariel's next collegiate decision was a no-brainer.

There was just one last hoop to jump through for Ariel: she needed an A in a health and wellness class through her online courses at Clarendon College in Texas to become eligible. She attained the necessary grade and was on a train to Maryville just a week later.

"I came without even a visit," Ariel said.

"I felt good about (knowing someone), even though he was the only single person I knew on campus.

"(In JUCO) we didn't even have trainers. We had a training room, but you trained yourself. It feels good to be at something that seems so much more organized ... I'm so happy to be here. Even with the losses, I just see opportunities."

Now here she is, lighting up Bearcat Arena with an electric jumpshot during games and a radiant, ceaseless smile afterward, even without Asia by her side. After just three games in her third college uniform, Ariel is averaging a team-high 20 points per game on 59 percent shooting from the floor.

Bucher said he isn't surprised at all that Ariel has already taken command at Northwest because she took on the same job at State Fair.

"Sometimes when you have someone who transfers in, it's difficult for them to step in the leadership role," Bucher said. "But she hated losing so much that she really helped a lot of our freshmen."

There's just one hitch so far in this hoops fairytale: Northwest started the season 0-3, letting a first win under Smith slip through the cracks Sunday against William Jewell.

"The two teams we played (over the weekend) are teams that have played together for a

while, and they understand the coach's system," Smith said following the loss to the Cardinals. "We're still a work in progress, and I've said that from day one. We are a work in progress."

The ship cannot immediately be turned around. The Bearcats lack post depth behind junior Annie Mathews and freshman Shelby Mustain, the perimeter defense is shoddy and most of the roster is still acclimating to Smith's system. There are issues left to be solved, and Smith and Ariel both acknowledged that.

But Ariel is the captain of that ship right now as far as players go, and while it might not be sailing through the smoothest waters, she will not let it sink anytime soon. Her time on the court will not last forever, and she knows she will have to step away some day, but for now, there is still something left to be desired.

"I set the bar high for myself mentally just knowing I'm 22 years old and time is ticking - my clock doesn't stop running," Ariel said before pausing briefly to collect her thoughts, seemingly realizing her goal instantaneously. "I want a championship so bad that it drives me every day. I know that with this team, it may not come this year, but we still got next year. If we all strive for a championship, you can only get good out of that."

their advantage.

Morrison said the tough road game at Oak Grove better prepared Maryville for the road that lies ahead.

"The team really had to come together and play well against Oak Grove," Morrison said. "I think that gives us a good team bonding to go forward from here on out."

Senior quarterback Trent Nally scored five of Maryville's six touchdowns with three on the ground and two through the air. He gained 182 total yards.

Webb said the challenges the Spoofhounds faced throughout the year have them set up for the semi-

final with California.

"Oak Grove is a very talented football team," Webb said. "LeBlond is a very good test, Savannah is a very good test, Lafayette is a very good test, Cameron twice is a very good test. This team has been tested week in and week out and challenged in different ways, more so from a mental focus than anything else.

"The hardest thing to do in athletics is to stay at your top level mentally week in and week out, and we've done it for 28 ball games in a row, and this season we've gotta do it one more time ... All we're worried about is beating California."

MARYVILLE FACES SEMIS REMATCH



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Junior running back Brody McMahon breaks loose for a 53-yard run in the first quarter of Maryville's 42-20 quarterfinal win over Oak Grove.

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NW MEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Central Mo.....	4-0	0-0
Emporia St.....	4-0	0-0
Fort Hays.....	4-0	0-0
Washburn.....	4-0	0-0
Northeastern St.....	3-0	0-0
Central Okla.....	3-1	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	2-1	0-0
Mo. Western.....	3-2	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	2-2	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	2-2	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	1-1	0-0
Lindenwood.....	2-4	0-0
Pitt. St.....	0-2	0-0
Lincoln.....	0-4	0-0

Nov. 21:
Benedictine-Springfield at Lindenwood
Rockhurst at Washburn
Fresno Pacific (Cal.) at Emporia St.
William Woods at Southwest Baptist

MHS FOOTBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
MARYVILLE.....	13-0	7-0
Savannah.....	7-3	6-1
Cameron.....	8-4	4-3
Smithville.....	6-7	4-3
Lafayette.....	7-5	3-4
Bishop LeBlond.....	6-6	2-5
Chillicothe.....	4-6	2-5
Benton.....	0-10	0-7

Nov. 18:
MARYVILLE at California

NW WOMEN'S BASKETBALL

MIAA STANDINGS	Overall	MIAA
Emporia St.....	5-0	0-0
Central Mo.....	4-0	0-0
Central Okla.....	4-0	0-0
Fort Hays.....	3-0	0-0
Mo. Western.....	3-0	0-0
Pitt. St.....	4-2	0-0
Nebraska Kearney.....	2-1	0-0
Southwest Baptist.....	2-1	0-0
Washburn.....	2-1	0-0
Lindenwood.....	2-2	0-0
Mo. Southern.....	1-1	0-0
Lincoln.....	1-3	0-0
Northeastern St.....	1-4	0-0
NORTHWEST.....	0-3	0-0

Nov. 21:
Harris-Stowe St. at Lindenwood
Washburn at Drury
Nov. 22:
Kansas-Wesleyan at NORTHWEST
Avila at Mo. Southern

MHS VOLLEYBALL

MEC STANDINGS	Overall	MEC
Bishop LeBlond.....	31-4-3	7-0
Savannah.....	9-2	2-1
Lafayette.....	21-2	0-1
Chillicothe.....	5-4	0-1
MARYVILLE.....	2-4	0-1
Benton.....	1-3	0-1
Smithville.....	2-10	0-2
Cameron.....	2-11-2	0-2

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Boys preparing for season without key upperclassmen

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Losing a bulk of experience from last year's team, Maryville boys' basketball will have an uphill battle to match last year's 20-8 squad.

The Spoofhounds will have to replace guards Jonathan Baker and Treyton Burch and forwards Tyler Kenkel and Kyle Leslie, who carried Maryville to the sectional finals and one game shy of the final four before finishing ninth in the state.

"It's going to be an entirely different ball club we're going to have this year," head coach Mike Kuwitzky said. "We have to rebuild, and we have to develop the program, and it's just going to be a completely different season."

It will be a season led by senior forwards Trent Nally and Ty Hilsabeck, who are the two 'Hounds with any familiarity of extensive minutes on the court. Kuwitzky said the pair

of players represent the program well.

"They're both hard workers, they're both loyal, they both believe in the system and are dedicated," Kuwitzky said. "I think they are going to be outstanding leaders. They're both going to set a good example for the younger players."

The youth and experience of this year's team will benefit from Kuwitzky's philosophy, which has been in place for his entire 28-year tenure at Maryville.

"We believe real strongly in what we do here," Kuwitzky said. "Our offense, defense, everything that we do, I've taken an awful lot of time to put together and learn year by year what we think is right and what we want to go with. We have a lot of confidence in the system. It's just a matter of players fitting in and buying in and learning to accept their roles and be able to execute it."



MARYVILLE BASKETBALL COACH MIKE KUWITZKY STANDS WATCH OVER PRACTICE BEHIND GUARD ALEX BEAN AS HE DARTS A PASS TO A TEAMMATE. THE SPOOFHOUNDS TIP OFF THEIR SEASON DEC. 2 IN THE SAVANNAH TOURNAMENT.

Drake, wrestling enter new season with expectation to learn, grow

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The Maryville high school wrestling team looks to bounce back from a below .500 season as head coach Joe Drake enters his 40th season at the helm.

The 'Hounds have all three of their state qualifiers from last year returning as they try to put together a winning season.

"We're going to fill in with some young freshman and sophomore kids and at the start of the year," Drake said. "I'm sure we're going to struggle. Our expectations are as the season goes on they're going to get better and experience is going to start showing up, and by the end of the year, we're going to be pretty respectable."

Maryville did not live up to its expectations last year, but Drake likes his chances with his returning wrestlers for this season. Senior Dane Hull qualified at state last year wrestling the 152-pound weight class. Junior Nathaniel Alexander placed sixth, wrestling the 126-pound weight class, and senior Brendan Weybrew, finished fourth wrestling the heavyweight class.

"We got three or four kids coming back from last year's team that have to step up and do well for us," Drake said. "We have three state qualifiers coming back, and we expect a lot of leadership out of them."

Not only does the coach like his returning wrestlers, he likes what he sees in the potential of his freshman athletes.

"I'm not going to single (the freshmen) out because I don't want to put any extra pressure

on them," Drake said. "There are three or four freshmen that we really think are going to step up and do well for us."

Drake has set some short-and long-term goals for his team to strive for with little outside expectations.

"Our long term goal is that we become a pretty competitive team by the end of the season," Drake said. "We need to have some success at the end of the season going into the district tournament. Short term, with as many young kids as we have is we need quick improvement from the next match to the next."

Drake is very happy to have the recent success of Maryville's football team, but the post-season play of the football team is keeping several of his wrestlers from practicing with the team, including state qualifiers Weybrew and

Hull.

"Our football team is having great success this year, which we're glad to hear and have, but that means several of our boys are playing football," Drake said. "We're practicing without some kids that are pretty crucial. But we'll catch them up when football is over with."

The Spoofhounds will start the season Dec. 14 in Lenox, Iowa, in a 12-team tournament. Maryville will be the only Missouri team, as the rest will all be from the wrestling powerhouse state of Iowa.

"We're not looking too much in how we do as a team," Drake said. "We're going to look at a lot of individuals and see how they compete up there. We're going to expect a lot more out of the kids who have varsity experience. It's just going to be a lot of evaluating."



CODY SIMMONS | NW MISSOURIAN
Grant Hageman gives Spoofhound football players instruction at practice. Hageman also coaches girls basketball.

Girls' coach Hageman pleased with devoted programs

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As the Maryville Spoofhounds girls' basketball team prepares itself for the upcoming season, head coach Grant Hageman has to prepare his team and himself for the season that is soon upon them.

But while the team readies itself for the season and a flurry of headlines that comes with high school basketball, The Hiawatha, Kan, Hageman, has his own story.

"I played basketball, football, and track in high school. They didn't have baseball, but I played in Legion Baseball League," Hageman said. "I got to experience a lot of success in high school and fell in love with playing all sports. I believe that being

a three-sport athlete is a lot better than what most high schools do these days."

After high school, Hageman followed his high school sweetheart to Northwest and tried out for the baseball team, but did not make the cut. Hageman graduated in 2003 and got his masters in secondary educational leadership in 2005.

After attending Northwest, Hageman began coaching at Maryville beginning in 2003. He started with the Maryville Middle School football and girls' basketball teams for one year, and then he was the head girls' track coach that spring at the high school.

In the fall of 2004, he began coaching at Maryville High School as the assistant football coach and assistant girls' basketball coach and remained in the position as the head girls' track

coach.

In 2006-07, he became the head girls' basketball coach. He coached all three sports until 2011, when he stepped down from track because he had his third child. Three sports, along with basketball in the summer, were too much for him.

However, with a decade under his belt at Maryville High School, Hageman does not see himself leaving anytime soon.

"The reason I love coaching here are the high expectations and having groups that are willing to commit at a high level to a common goal," Hageman said. "Great things can happen in this community with the ambitions our school, athletes, parents and community have. Kids have the opportunity and ambition most of the time to put in more than just the required time and effort."

ATHLETES of the WEEK



BEARCATS

DJ Gnader



Junior linebacker D.J. Gnader led Northwest to a 51-21 win over Missouri Western with 12 tackles, one tackle for loss, one sack and one fumble recovery.

Ariel Easton



Junior guard Ariel Easton did everything she could to keep Northwest alive in its 84-82 loss to William Jewell Sunday by scoring 29 points, including 25 in the first half.

Trent Nally



Senior quarterback Trent Nally totaled five touchdowns in Maryville's 42-20 quarterfinal win over Oak Grove with 45 yards rushing and 137 yards through the air on 5-of-6 passes.

Jackson Morrison



Senior lineman Jackson Morrison led Maryville's offense in gaining 402 yards against Oak Grove and added one of the Spoofhounds' seven tackles for a loss on defense.

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Starzl, men commence season with stiff competition

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Northwest has yet to get a taste of MIAA hoops, but has used a tough nonconference schedule to try and work out some kinks.

The Bearcats (2-2) fell to No. 13 Midwestern State in the first game of the Hillyard Classic in St. Joseph 78-71, and took on Baker Wednesday for their first game at Bearcat Arena this season.

Although results were not available as of press time, senior forward Dillon Starzl expected a clash of two different styles.

“We went over the scouting report (Tuesday), and they are fast,” Starzl said. “They are an NAIA team, but they are not coming in here expecting to play like an NAIA team. We are going to have to come out and play better than we did this weekend for sure.”

Starzl has picked up where he left off last season, averaging 18.3 points per game through the first four games by establishing his dominance in the paint.

“He’s just being big,” head coach Ben McCollum said. “He’s big down there and he finishes. We get him the ball down there. He’s tough to

stop, and when you add Kyle Schlake, Grant Cozad and Zach Schneider, the post players he’s usually playing with, you’ve got to be able to defend both of them.”

Senior guard DeShaun Cooper is still adjusting to being back on the court after missing last season with a knee injury and is averaging 10.3 points per game. According to McCollum, the knee is fine, and he just has to shake off the rust.

“What you’re seeing is a guy that has been out for a year, rather than seeing a guy that’s off a knee injury,” McCollum said. “He gets into games and wants to be the same person he

was in his junior season right away, and that’s not going to happen right away.”

Coming in predicted to place second in the conference, Starzl believes the team still needs to mesh before it can live up to the preseason expectations.

“We are all still trying to come together again,” Starzl said. “With (Cooper) back in the lineup and with expectations being so high this season and everyone listening to the outside people telling us how good we are going to be, we just need to come together. We have to get better each day and work on the things we need

to work on.”

Despite losing to close to one of the top teams in the country in Midwestern State, McCollum expected to come out with a victory.

“I felt like we played a better game. We just didn’t finish and close like we needed to, and that’s always been our strength,” McCollum said. “As far as a measuring stick, I thought we matched up well with them—the way they play and their style. They played a bunch of bigs, and their guards were pretty simple, offensively.”

Northwest will play its second home game of the season at 7 p.m. Nov. 26 against Peru State.

WOMEN BUMPED FROM MIAA TOURNAMENT



Sophomore outside hitter Shelby Duren bumps a return against Southwest Baptist Nov. 15 in a 3-2 win to slide into the MIAA Tournament. Northwest lost in the first round to Washburn Tuesday night. Go to www.nwmissourinews.com for the full story.

Lorek, track not at all concerned with MIAA preseason rankings

MYLES DUSTMAN
Missourian Reporter | @NWMSports

The Bearcats go into the indoor track and field season predicted to finish eighth on the men’s and women’s side by the coaches in one of the toughest conferences in the nation.

Head coach Scott Lorek brushed off the preseason ranking talk and is more focused on bigger goals.

“We don’t pay much attention to (the standings),” Lorek said. “Our idea here is to try to advance kids to the national championships. When we get to the conference meet, we want to do as well as we can and place as high as we can, but the rankings are pretty meaningless.”

Northwest returns several national qualifiers in senior pole vaulter Will Haer, senior Seth Staashelm and senior LeKiesha McKnight, and Lorek is excited about the possibility the ‘Cats could send more.

“I think that we could have as many as between six and eight at the national championships - which is a huge number,” Lorek said, “That’s kind of the deceiving thing... last year our placing in the conference wasn’t all that great, but we are advancing people to the national championships and turning out all-Americans.”


The Bearcats have individual talent on the team, but the team as a whole is somewhat lacking, according to Lorek.

“Obviously, we will have to see how the year turns out,” Lorek said. “The reason why I hesitate in saying that we are a great team is because we are young. We have some real established people, like Ashton Nibert and Eli Smith, who are probably among the best people in our league and nationally. We have so many young people that it is just going to take a while to develop them.”

One positive with having a group of young athletes is the potential for the program in the future.

“I think the future looks great,” Lorek said. “I think that we have freshmen who are going to be outstanding by the time they get to be juniors, but freshman year we will have to see what they do.”

Northwest will begin its indoor track and field season Dec. 7 at the Pre-Holiday Invitational in Kearney, Neb.



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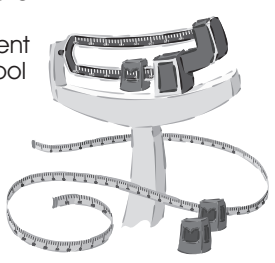
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Ariel Easton drops 29 points on a Sunday afternoon, dips into the Northwest locker room for the postgame conversation and then climbs the steps back to the gym with neon orange headphones draped around her neck.

She stops at the south end of the court to talk to people who seem to be family, but they aren't. In fact, her closest family is 908 miles away at Georgia Perimeter College, doing exactly what Ariel is doing – chasing a basketball dream.

Ariel isn't the only Easton sister hooping at the collegiate level – her identical twin, Asia, spends a great deal of her life in the gym as well. But while Ariel is a couple of hours outside of Kansas City, Asia is just east of Atlanta.

"The whole split from a twin is so hard to explain to people that (don't have one) because it's almost like half of you is gone," Ariel said. "To stay focused mentally is tough every day ... We were even in the same crib together."

Even with all the real estate between them, Asia and Ariel are finding out new things about their relationship – sometimes at 1 a.m.

"We didn't know we could feel each other's pain until the other night," Asia said. "I was all sad and she woke up in the middle of the morning and called me and just said, 'I thought I would call you. I had a feeling to just call you.' That was our first twin experience."

With her other half three states away, Ariel is getting used to meeting new people and trying to find a support system wherever she goes – it's what she's been doing for four years.

"I'm a social person, so I'm getting to know people," Ariel said. "I love to get to know people, so it's not hard to be involved with everyone. I love to talk to people. I'm so social. I'm trying to find a new family here at Northwest."

Her first of three stops on the collegiate trail was Palm Beach State College in 2010, a junior college in Florida she attended so she could stay with Asia, who didn't receive the

same basketball offers as Ariel out of Clay High School in South Bend, Ind.

"We give each other a nice one-on-one game, if you can imagine," Ariel said. "We make each other better; we push each other. She's always my partner in everything. Every drill, we pushed each other."

'The Beach,' as Ariel called it, was no holiday in the sun. Ariel was there to take care of business on the court, and that's just what she did, averaging 16.8 points per game as a freshman.

But after one year in the sunshine state, Ariel relocated to State Fair Community College in Sedalia (quite a change in scenery) to

continue her basketball career. Asia left after their first semester to join the army while Ariel finished out the school year at Palm Beach State. It was the first time they can remember being separated.

"We went from every day doing everything together – jobs, school, practice – we did everything together," Asia said. "We went from that to seeing each other once a year."

The Easton sisters will get another black-top rematch over Christmas break with a chance to get away from school, but Ariel agreed with Asia that it can be up to a year at a

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NFL's future looks uncertain after media pushes issues in view

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The days of the National Football League as we know it, or once knew it, are closer to coming to an end than we think. Whether it's new rules or former players promoting youth to stay away from the game, we are no longer seeing the tough-nosed days of football that once made Sundays so loved.

The NFL has ultimately begun gaining a bad reputation with the American public. There are numerous reasons why this is, but I've cut down my list to save some time.

1. NFL players are coming off as straight thugs in the public's eyes. In just this calendar year alone, look at the events that have been brought up to support the media's view. Justin Blackmon has been suspended twice for substance abuse. Von Miller was suspended for trying to cheat on a drug test, and was also arrested for failing to appear in court following traffic offenses. In fact, there have been 25 players suspended for substance abuse in 2013. Crazy thing is, there is not a HGH-testing policy in the NFL yet. Aaron Hernandez is facing court hearings as a suspect in a murder trial. Now with the Incognito-Martin case in Miami, the media has all the reasons to tear apart the players of the NFL. This does not mean every player in the league is a thug, but the guys in the media are the face of the league. Twenty-seven NFL players were arrested between the 2013 Super Bowl and June 26 alone. That does not look good in the public's eyes.

2. Former players are advising today's youth to stop playing. The big name that has recently been an advocate for this is Brett Favre. He says he doesn't remember a whole season of watching his daughter play soccer. Monday on "The Today Show," he told Matt Lauer if he had a son, he would be "real leery of him playing. In some respects, I'm almost glad I don't have a son because of the pressures he would face." This comes after the NFL and ex-players came to a \$765 million settlement for damage they faced due to head injuries during their time playing in the NFL. ESPN's "Outside the Lines" also revealed in an investigation that youth participation is down in Pop Warner football. There has been a 9.5 percent drop in participants from 2010-2012. The future of youth football is not looking so bright, and former player's advocating against it will only continue to decrease the numbers.

3. People just don't want to go to games in stadiums nowadays. Numbers show that 10 NFL teams are playing in stadiums that are not 95 percent full. The NFL had to lower its blackout threshold to 85 percent of tickets sold. Despite this policy, there were still 15 blackouts last year. With the technology that is around now, fans can enjoy games from their couch for much cheaper. A new report shows that the average cost across the league for two tickets, two beers and parking at an NFL stadium is \$209 (unless you're in Jacksonville, where some tickets are \$7). Why do that when one can turn on a TV, grill food that is better than a stadium and buy several cases of Busch Light and not have to worry about leaving the house or putting on pants? The NFL could be killing itself with this, as fans have the ability to watch any game every Sunday with packages such as NFL Redzone or NFL Sunday Ticket available. The culture of fans is changing, and the league has to find a way to adjust. There isn't a cooler feeling than doing the Tomahawk Chop with 80,000 strangers, and the league must find a way to embrace that atmosphere in every market.

The reasons the NFL is no longer a grown-man's league could go on and on. With the rules put in place to protect quarterbacks and wide receivers and pretty much every position up to the shirtless man in the third row enjoying his \$9 beer, Lawrence Taylor would have gotten kicked out of a game today by kickoff.

The fact is that the game is no longer what it used to be, and it's a shame.

Spoofhounds win 28 in a row, advance to semis

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The final four in the Class 3 State Championship bracket look all too familiar.

Three of this season's last four teams remaining also made it to the semifinals last season: Maryville, John Burroughs and California.

The Spoofhounds' semifinal matchup at 1:30 p.m. Saturday is a rematch from last year, taking on California for a seat in the title game. The only difference is the venue, as Maryville has to hit the pavement to play in the Pintos' backyard.

"We're trying to go win a football game on the road," head coach Matt Webb said. "It's a tough place to go play; California's got a proud tradition. We've got an opportunity to go on the road and beat a good football team."

The 2012 semifinal between the Spoofhounds and California resulted in a 42-7 Maryville victory.

The Pintos just scratched their way into this year's game, winning 26-24 against McCluer South-Berkeley on a 26-yard field goal with just three seconds remaining in the Nov. 16 quarterfinal matchup.

"It doesn't matter if they came back and won, they're a great football team," Webb said. "They've lost two ball games in two years. One was to Maryville last year and the other was to Blair Oaks this year, which is a very good Class 3 team ... For last week's game, I'm sure they've

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The Maryville football team played Oak Grove in the quarterfinal round of the play offs Nov. 16. The Spoofhounds won 42-20 and will play again Saturday in California, Mo.

Adams, Longacre earn POY honors

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As a team, Northwest has accomplished all of its goals thus far, and 18 individuals were recognized for their efforts toward those goals as the MIAA released its all-conference selections.

Senior quarterback Trevor Adams was selected as the MIAA Offensive Player of the Year after finishing with the second highest completion percentage in Division II, connecting on 73.5 percent of his attempts.

Adams threw for 2,015 yards and 21 touchdowns, while only being picked off three times, and head coach Adam Dorrel is pleased that fellow coaches realized the dominance of Adams despite not playing in some third and fourth quarters.

"I was very thankful to the rest of coaches in our league for recognizing Trevor and recognizing the fact that he's an unselfish football player," Dorrel said. "He didn't throw a pass in four games in the second half because we were winning. Obviously, he missed three quarters of the Pittsburg State game and all of Missouri Southern."

"I think we've been efficient and consistent on offense. To finish the season how we finished – being the No. 1 scoring offense and No. 1 scoring defense in the MIAA, I think he had lots to do with the scoring offense towards the end."

Junior defensive end Matt Longacre emerged as a constant pass rush off the edge, while the Bearcat defensive front four progressed into one of the most dominant units in the MIAA. Longacre's 7.5 sacks, 12.5 tackles for loss and 10 quarterback

hurries stood out as he earned Defensive Player of the Year honors.

"He is certainly benefiting right now from three other defensive linemen playing well," Dorrel said. "He's benefitting from a backend that is covering people down. But not to take anything away from him; I think he's gotten better as a football player. He's gotten smarter as a football player and has learned to study the game a little bit better."

At the helm of the conference champions was Dorrel, and the coaches selected the third-year head coach as the MIAA Coach of the Year.

"I'm appreciative of it and very thankful," Dorrel said. "That's a staff award...a staff of the year award. I'm very grateful to our assistant coaches. We have a great staff and have great continuity."

After its 51-21 win over Missouri Western, Northwest received a first-round bye in playoffs and awaits the winner of Minnesota-Duluth and fellow MIAA member Emporia State.

The Bearcats have been knocked out of the playoffs the previous two times they have been matched up with Duluth, and senior running back Billy Creason would like another chance at the Bulldogs.

"I, myself, would prefer to play Duluth to get a little revenge from a few years ago," Creason said. "I've talked to a few guys on the team, and they've said they'd like to take on Duluth too. Either way it doesn't matter – we're going to face this game the same way with either opponent."

Emporia State will travel to Duluth, Minn. at 1 p.m. Nov. 23 with the winner advancing to play Northwest Dec. 30 at Bearcat Stadium.



All-Conference Football Selections

First Team

Trevor Adams - QB
Cody Carlson - OL
Matt Longacre - DL
Brandon Yost - DL
Eric Reimer - LB
D.J. Gnader - LB
Brandon Dixon - DB

Second Team

C.J. Keeney - OL
Brian Dixon - DB
Kyle Goodburn - P

Third Team

Marcus Wright - TE/FB
Cole Chevalier - OL

Honorable Mention

Billy Creason - RB
Clint Utter - WR
Joel Gantz - TE
Bryant Hummel - DL
Matt Meinert - DL
Bryce Enyard - DB